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Sent: Friday, July 30, 2004 7:57 PM
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Subject: PROGRAM VIOLENCE COMMENTS

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The thing that always amazes me is that the effect of the "Law of Diminishing Returns" is well-known & well-documented. What comes into our minds & emotions eventually comes out in our behavior. Yet, as a nation we seem willing to turn a blind eye to the hardening of the hearts of our people via the ear & eye "gates". It always makes me laugh when we say that programming is not suitable for children.... as someone 52 years old I can tell you that it's not suitable for adults either! If I wouldn't want my children & grandchildren to watch/hear something why would I want to do so? And then we have the gall to wonder how our population has become so hard & uncaring?? The more exposure we have to a crude and degrading standard the less it will seem crude & degrading.... that's why there's always an "envelope" to "push".

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My husband and I decided to stop watching television three years ago. We are now more relaxed, less stressed, and more appreciative of the many riches life has to offer. We do NOT miss watching television.

One reason we decided to trash our TV was because of trashy programming, which included violent and sexually explicit images so repetitive and redundant as to become boring, annoying, nauseating and trite.

There are occasional exceptions to the trash rule, and we make arrangements for those exceptions. Our children are grown, but the problem was existent when they were growing up, so we instituted and enforced strict rules regarding TV trash. If we need to entertain young children nowadays, there is no need to turn on the TV thanks to VCR and DVD.

If there is anything you can do to limit, reduce or eradicate violence and sex on TV, our society will benefit. Reading is a far better passtime today than TV viewing and will remain so as long as TV programming continues its decline.

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Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
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